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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUTAKA BAN, ET AL.) Examiner: R. Beatty
Application No.: 09/853,700) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: May 14, 2001)
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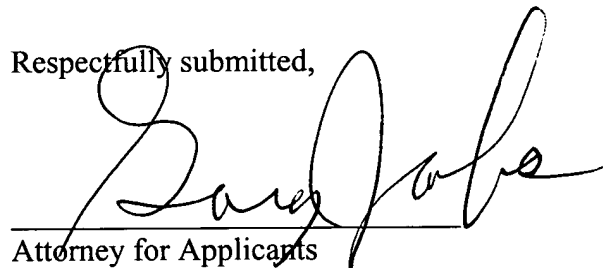
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. These Japanese documents listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 were cited in an office action in Japanese counterpart Application No. 10-168369, mailed July 2, 2002, or an office action in Japanese Application No. 10-168368, mailed July 2, 2002, copies of translations of both of which are enclosed. Translations of the Japanese documents are also attached, as are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,057,872 and 5,296,900, which are U.S. counterparts to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 3-2882.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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